

*striata* on the other hand seems to occur fairly generally throughout the country at the roots of vegetation and in moss, in diverse habitats.

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CONSISTENCY OF AUTOGRAPHA GAMMA L. IN PEACEHAVEN, SUSSEX DURING 1977. — The Silver Y moth made appearances in the trap with great regularity during 1977, with numbers totalling 2,053. Between June 3rd and October 5th I noted *gamma* every night, in numbers varying from occasional singletons to a peak of 236 on August 16th. — COLIN PRATT, 5 View Road, Peacehaven, Sussex.